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Dear Representative Gilchrest, Senator Lesser, Senator Gaston, Representative Dathan, Senator Seminara, Representative Case, and honorable members of the Human Services Committee:

I am writing to you today to express my support for H.B. 6617: An Act Increasing Access to Reproductive Health Care. Many Connecticut residents dream of building a family, but under existing Connecticut law, not everyone has equal access to the fertility care they need to make that dream a reality. By removing existing barriers and expanding access to fertility care, H.B. 6617 will ensure Connecticut residents have equitable access to the fertility care they need to build their families.

Under current Connecticut law, both LGBTQ+ and single individuals are excluded from fertility care coverage. This law, enacted 18 years ago, only requires private insurance providers to cover fertility care costs for those who meet a limited definition of "infertility" that is defined in reference to heterosexual intercourse. With the passage of legislation such as the Connecticut Parentage Act, Connecticut has already recognized a more modern understanding of family which includes LGBTQ+ families and single parents. H.B. 6617 would align the state's fertility care insurance requirements with Connecticut's other laws recognizing modern family formation, ensuring that Connecticut residents have equal access to the fertility care they need, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status.

The existing law also does not extend fertility care benefits to Connecticut residents who receive coverage through HUSKY. Considering the high costs of many fertility treatments, the ability to build a family is restricted for many Connecticut residents who do not have private insurance. Black and Latino residents, who are more likely to rely on HUSKY Health to access health care, also experience higher rates of infertility. Thus, without fertility care coverage through HUSKY, the current system excludes those who need fertility care the most. H.B. 6617 will help to address this inequality by expanding fertility care coverage to HUSKY recipients, allowing more Connecticut residents to experience the joy of building a family.

Currently, too many Connecticut residents face unnecessary barriers in accessing fertility care. It is time to pass H.B. 6617 to ensure equitable access to fertility care so that Connecticut residents can build the families they dream of. Thank you for your time and consideration on passing this important bill.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Currey".

Jeff Currey
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